

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, the restricted and elected claims of the parent application (i.e., claims 1-13 and 44-53) have been canceled. The remaining claims (i.e., claims 14-43 and 54-123) were non-elected in the parent application.

In the present divisional application, the claims associated with Group II according to the Restriction Requirement issued in the parent application based upon formulae (II) and (IIa) compounds (i.e. claims 14-24 and 54-58) have been presented for examination. In addition, the associated process of use claims that depend from, and therefore include all of the limitations of the compound claims, have been included. In accordance with the rejoinder procedure set forth in MPEP §821.04, applicants note that these claims are subject to rejoinder in the event the product claims are found to be allowable. Claims 14-24, 54-58, 85-97, 100, 103 and 110-112 remain pending.

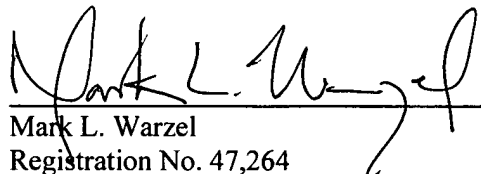
Applicants further note that the filing of the present application is not to be interpreted as an abandonment of any of the remaining subject matter of this application or the pending parent application Serial No. 10/224,979.

Early and favorable consideration of the subject divisional application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the application, or the foregoing amendments and remarks, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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